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SUBJECT GUYANA ELECTION-FIRST RETURNS

1. AS OF 1100 HOURS, JULY 17, UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS REPORTED FOR

FIVE GEORGETOWN DISTRICTS(WERK-EN-RUST, CAMPBELLVILLE, KITTY, LA PENITENCE-LODGE, AND GEORGETOWN SOUTH). RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS(PNC)LEADS WITH 31,447 VOTES, WHILE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY(PPP) HAS 10,070, THE LIBERATOR PARTY 2,374, AND THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT 547. DISTRICTS GAVE SIMILAR PERCENTAGES TO PNC AND CGP IN 1968 ALTHOUGH VOTER TURNOUT IS LOWER THIS YEAR. GOVT RADIO STATION ANNOUNCED DELAYS IN RELATING VOTE COUNT HAVE BEEN RESULT OF AIRLIFT AND CONVOYS TRANSPORTING BALLOT BOXES TO THREE COUNTING CENTERS IN GEORGETOWN.

2. SOME REPORTS OF ELECTION DAY INCIDENTS APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS THIS MORNING. GUYANA GRAPHIC IN UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATED TWO MEN KILLED IN CORENTYNE. OTHER INCIDENTS IN THIS EAST
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INDIAN AREA ALSO NOTED. GOVT-OWNED CHRONICLE PUBLISHED STORY

OF TEAR-GASSING OF CROWD ON WAKENAAM ISLAND. IN GEORGETOWN,
HOWEVER, VOTING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CALM AND ORDERLY. KING

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